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SUBJ: AVIATION: CHARTER FLIGHTS BY TRANS-INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

- 1. TRANS-INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, OAKLAND, CAL. AIR TRAVEL SER-VICE OF TRANSAMERICA CORP. (SAME AS US CHARTER CARRIER ON ANGOLAN REFUGEES?) HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION, GUATEMALA, TO OPERATE SERIES OF 23 CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM MID-WEST US CITIES TO GUATEMALA (VIA EL SALVADOR). LETTER SENT AUGUST 13, PRESUMABLY ALSO TO ELSALVADOR AUTHORITIES.
- 2. FLIGHTS WOULD INVOLVE 221 PASSENGERS EACH. WOULD COMMENCE JANUARY 7, 1976, AND CONTINUE FOR EVERY FOUR DAYS UNTIL 23 FLIGHTS PERFORMED.
- 3. TRANS-INTERNATIONAL RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM GUATEMALA, CABLED TWICE, AND THEN TELEPHONED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 10 TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS MATTER. EMBOFF PHONED DIRECTOR GENERAL ALVAREZ BELTETON, AND WAS INFORMED APPLICATION UNDER STUDY BUT FEELING WAS THAT PERMISSION SHOULD BE DENIED AND LOCAL AIRLINE, AVIATECA, SHOULD GET IN ON BUSINESS. TRANS-INTERNATIONAL WANTED COLLECT REPLY AND EMBOFF SUGGESTED BELTETON CONTACT TRANS-INTERNATIONAL DIRECETLY (MR. PARILLA, TEL. (415) 577-6088).
- 4. IF NEGATIVE POSITION OF AUTHORITIES HERE MAINTAINED, UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANS-INTERNATIONAL MAY CONTACT DEPARTMENT; MAY ALSO REQUEST

EMBASSY INTERVENTION HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT CHARTER RIGHTS AVIATECA COULD EXERCISE IN EFFORT TO GET IN ON BUSINESS, IF TRANS-INTERNATIONAL DENIED PERMISSION HERE.

5. TRANS-INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS WOULD BRING OVER 4,000 TOURISTS TO GUATEMALA FOR FOUR DAYS, FROM AREA OF US WHICH ORDINARILY NOT IMPORTANT SOURCE OF TOURISM HERE. TRANS-INTERNATIONAL HAS PUSHED VISIT TO MAYAN CEREMONIAL CENTER OF TIKAL, AN HOUR'S FLIGHT FROM GUATEMALA CITY, AS ONE OF BEST TOURIST ACTIVITIES INCOUNTRY. AVIATECA WOULD PRESUMABLY PROVIDE SERVICE. FINALLY, MIGHT BE POINTED OUT THAT IF TRANS-INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ALLOWED, PERMISSION NOT FOREVER; AVIATECA COULD INSTITUTE CHARTER FLIGHTS ITSELF TO GET IN ON BUSINESS PIONEERED BY TRANS-INTERNATIONAL. ANDREWS

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